(e) what steps have been taken by Government to develop these new mines in the public sector and private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NMDC is currently operating a machanised diamond mine at Majhgawan in Panna District. The mine is producing around 13,000 carats of diamonds per year, valued at approx. 4 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A National Diamond Project has been launched to undertake exploration work, the lead agency being Geological Survey of India;

(e) Testing of samples has not yet been completed. Development of new mines can be considered only after economic viability is fully determined.

Development of high yielding varieties of seeds by ICAR

620. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that I.C.A.R. and other agricultural institutions are engaged in the research & development of the new varieties of seeds for high yield;

(b) if so, what are the new varieties of seeds developed in 1988 by these R & D institutions; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for distributing the new varrieties of seeds among the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list is given in the statement below.

(c) Since seed distribution is primarily the responsibility of State Governments, the Government of India reviews the position from time to time for augmenting the shortages, if any, through National agencies such as National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India. To popularise use of new varieties, seeds are distributed through mini-kits under various Central Schemes/Programmes.

Statement

Important high yielding varieties of crops released and notified during 1988

A. CEREALS

Crop	No. of varieties	Varieties
1	2	3
Rice	24	PR 109, Annada, IET 7191, HKR-120, Narendra Dhan-118, VL Dhan 163, Hari, Salivana, Tulsi, Surakasha, Satya, Saleem, Mandya Vijaya, Heera, Kalyani II, Tara, Banaprabha, Bhubana, Lalata, Srabani Moti, Gyatri, Kalashri, Panidhan.
Wheat	5	HI 977, HD 2402, PBW-154, VL 616.
Maize	16	Kiran, Sartaj, Harsha, VL Makka-88, Prabhat Arun, VL Makka-41, Gujarat Makai-1, Deccan Hybrid Makka-1, Dhawal, Ganga-11, Pusa Composite-1, Pusa Composite-2, Surya, Parvati, Ashwini.

1	2	3
Sorghum	5	CSV-13, SAR-1, SPH-159, SPV-708, Hybrid AKSH-73.
Barley	2	Karan-16, BHS -169.
Pearl Millet	4	HHB-50, IOMH 423, MP 124, HHB-60.
Small Millets	3	VL Madira-29, Gujarat Nagli-2, Indaf-9.
B. PULSES		
Piceonpea	3	T-7, Pusa-33, TTB-7.
Chickpea	3	Gora Hissari, PBG-1, BG-267.
Cowpea	5	KBG-1, TVX Cowpea, KBG-1, Charodi, UPC 287.
Guar	2	HG 156, HG 258.
Lentil	1	LL 147
Moth bean	1	Maru Moth-1.
Peas	2	Malviya Matar-2, Aparna.
C. OILSEEDS		
Sunflower	2	MSEH-10, APSH-11
Groundnut	5	M 335, GG-11, VRI-1, ICGS-44, Girnar-1
Rapeseed-Mustard	2	RL 1359, Panchali
Niger	1	RCR 317
Linseed	2	Kiran, Jeevan
Soybean	1	Pusa-20
Sesame	2	TC 289, Tapi
Safflower	2	Malviya Kusum-305, Sagar Mukhi yalu
Castor	1	GCH-4
D. FIBRE CROPS		
Cotton	6	Jawahar Kapas-3, G. Cot. Hybrid-8, HS 45, Kanchan, RG 8, OS 5, AKH 081.
E. FODDER CROPS		
Guinea Grass	1	PGG-19
Berseem	1	BL-22
F. VEGETABLES		
Cauliflower	2	Pusa Snow Bali K-1, Pusa Subhra
Carrot	1	Pusa Yamdagni
Chinese Cabbage	1	Chini Sarson
Radhish	2	Pusa Chetki, Punjab Ageti

1	2	3
Tomato	2	Pusa Gaurav, Pant T-3
Ladies finger	1	Punjab-7
Chillies	1	Bhaskar
Onion	1	Agri-Found Dark Red
Pumpkin	1	Ambili
G. TUBER CROPS		
White Yam	1	Sree Priya
H. SPICES		
Cumin	1	RZ-19
Fennel	1	Gujarat Fennel-1
Ginger	1	Suprabha
Turmeric	1	Roma

Increase in Prices of DDA Flats

621. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA had increased the prices of the flats allotted to several persons in the Rohini in North-West Delhi, and Sarita Vihar in South Delhi and directed the allottees to pay huge amount exceeding the normal rates;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the allottees to reduce the cost of the flats; and

(c) if so, what decision the DDA has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The final cost of flats of Rohini and Sarita Vihar is being worked out and will be intimated to the allottees shortly.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Their views will be duly considered in arriving at a decision regarding the final price.

HUDCO Loan for Low Income Groups and Weaker Sections

622. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HUDCO had planned to finance housing for low income groups and economically weaker sections to the tune of Rs. 640 crores during 1988-89;

(b) what are the guidelines for sanctioning of the loan to the people belonging to low income groups and economically weaker sections;

(c) whether any State-wise allocation had been made for giving house building loans to those categories of people; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) During the year 88-89, HUDCO had earmarked an amount of Rs. 214.50 crores for financing housing schemes for low income groups and economically weaker sections. As against this, HUDCO sanctioned housing schemes to the tune of Rs. 285.12 crores for these categories during 1988-89.